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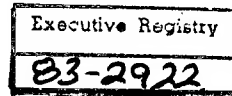
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
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Director

SUBJECT: European Public Perceptions of INF

I thought you might be interested in the attached USIA polling data about public attitudes on security issues in Western Europe.

In the five INF basing countries:

- o The recent U.S. arms proposal is "favored" by majorities everywhere. Moreover, the Soviets have not made great public affairs gains at our expense. While there is skepticism of both countries, the U.S. continues to stand higher on measures of peaceful intentions and sincerity in negotiations.
- o Europeans are not preoccupied with INF. While it is the most important international concern, it ranks behind various domestic issues. People are not "paralyzed" by the near- or long-term fear of war.
- o The Soviet INF monopoly in Europe is not widely perceived. Most people think that both NATO and the USSR have "land-based, medium-range nuclear missiles."
- o Europeans are largely divided over INF's deterrent value. And many see INF deployment serving mainly the interests of the U.S.

